

Agency Overview

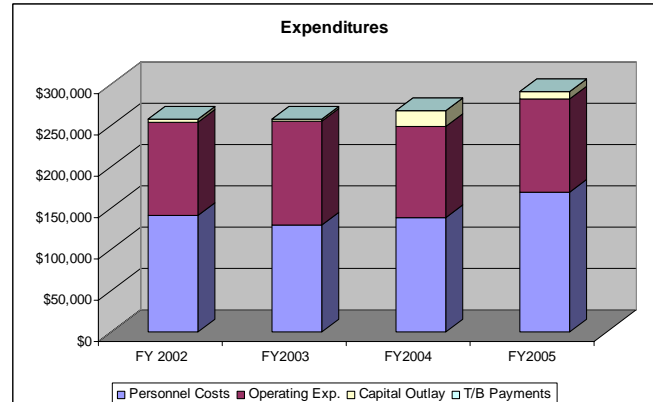
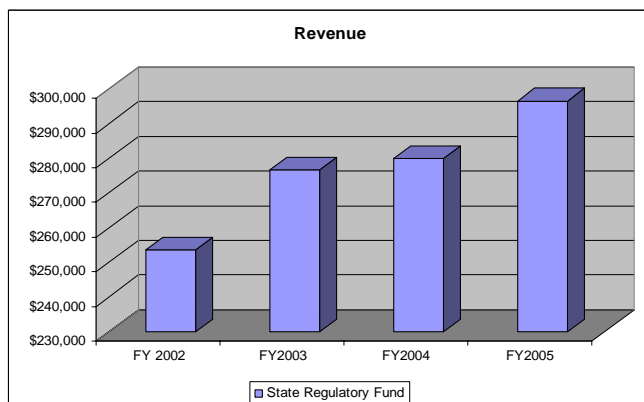
The Board of Dentistry is mandated and authorized by the Idaho Dental Practice Act (and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder) to assure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Idaho through the licensure and regulation of qualified dentists and dental hygienists. The Board of Dentistry is also authorized to certify dental assistants who are competent in specified expanded function duties. The Board of Dentistry was established in the Department of Self-Governing Agencies and the Board consists of eight (8) members - five (5) dentist members, two (2) dental hygienist members and a consumer member, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. Each Board of Dentistry member serves a term of five (5) years. One (1) of the dentist members serves as the chairman of the Board of Dentistry. The Board of Dentistry meets on a quarterly basis, but on occasion has conducted additional in-person or telephone conference meetings as needed. The Board of Dentistry is a dedicated fund agency whose funding is primarily derived from the collection of application and licensing fees. The Board of Dentistry receives no general fund monies. The Board of Dentistry's spending authority is controlled by legislative appropriation. The Board of Dentistry's office is located in Boise, Idaho, and its staff (2.75 FTE's) consists of an executive director, an administrative assistant and an office specialist.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

The principal functions of the Board of Dentistry include the following: conducting an application process for licensure of qualified dentists and dental hygienists, whether by examination or credentials [Idaho Code §§ 54-912(1), (2) and (3), 54-915, 54-916, 54-916A, 54-916B, 54-917 and 54-918]; conducting an annual license renewal process for dentists and dental hygienists that includes the mandatory reporting of continuing education [Idaho Code §§ 54-920]; regulating the standards and scope of practice for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants by statutory enactment in the Idaho Dental Practice Act and through the administrative rules promulgated thereunder [Idaho Code §§ 54-901, 54-902, 54-904, 54-912(4)]; conducting an anesthesia permit process for dentists seeking to administer conscious sedation and general anesthesia to patients [Idaho Code § 54-912(4)]; enforcing the professional standards applicable to dentists and dental hygienists by means of conducting investigations and due process hearings to impose discipline against licensees if deemed warranted [Idaho Code §§ 54-912(6) and (7), 54-923, 54-924 and 54-925]; and conducting inspections of dental offices in Idaho to assure compliance with infection control and emergency preparedness standards [Idaho Code §§ 54-912(5)].

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenues	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
State Regulatory Fund	\$253,700	\$276,600	\$280,000	\$296,600
Total	\$253,700	\$276,600	\$280,000	\$296,600
Expenditures	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$140,800	\$128,900	\$139,000	\$169,100
Operating Expenditures	\$113,300	\$126,700	\$110,000	\$112,900
Capital Outlay	\$3,600	\$2,000	\$18,700	\$9,600
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$257,700	\$257,600	\$267,700	\$291,600



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Initial Licenses Issued:				
Dentists	82	91	100	77
Dental Hygienists	<u>74</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>102</u>
Total	156	176	180	179
Professional Licenses Renewed:				
Dentists	1,169	1,260	1,366	1,375
Dental Hygienists	<u>960</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,180</u>
Total	2,129	2,304	2,506	2,555
Dental Offices Inspected:	60	70	85	75
Patient Complaints Received (Written):	110	120	94	120
Complaints Investigated/Reviewed by Board of Dentistry (Action Taken):	33	60	62	46
Administrative Hearings Conducted:	3	4	6	4

Performance Highlights

Commencing in 2004, laptop computers were purchased for use by the eight (8) Board of Dentistry members and meetings were thereafter conducted in an electronic manner (all meeting materials copied to discs and accessed by means of the laptop computers). In 2005, the Board of Dentistry transitioned to a new data base that will allow for on-line license renewals in the future. The Board of Dentistry proposed legislation and administrative rules during the past several legislative sessions that resulted in the following: enactment of a volunteer dentist's license to allow retired dentists to volunteer their services in public and charitable dental programs; enactment of an extended access dental hygiene endorsement to allow qualified dental hygienists to practice under general supervision in public and charitable dental programs; approval of the expansion in the permissible scope of practice for both dental hygienists and dental assistants; and the revision of licensing standards to allow the Board of Dentistry to accept the results of state, regional and national dental and dental hygiene examinations.

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